### IC 14-33-19

# **Chapter 19. Levee Districts and Associations**

### IC 14-33-19-1

### Applicability of chapter

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a levee district or levee association existing under:

- (1) Acts 1911, c.127;
- (2) Acts 1911, c.280;
- (3) Acts 1911, c.103;
- (4) Acts 1913, c.165;
- (5) Acts 1917, c.105;
- (6) Acts 1919, c.26;
- (7) Acts 1927, c.38;
- (8) Acts 1933, c.42;
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- (9) Acts 1937, c.42;
- (10) Acts 1937, c.186;
- (11) Acts 1937, c.233;
- (12) Acts 1941, c.159;
- (13) Acts 1947, c.284;
- (14) Acts 1947, c.187;
- (15) Acts 1947, c.249;
- (16) Acts 1959, c.52; or
- (17) Acts 1959, c.374;

all of which were repealed by IC 19-3-2-106 (recodified as IC 13-2-19.5-9 before its repeal, and later recodified as IC 14-27-3-19). *As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.26.* 

### IC 14-33-19-2

# Levee district or association becoming district

Sec. 2. A levee district or levee association may become a district under this article in accord with this chapter. *As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.26.* 

### IC 14-33-19-3

### **Procedures to become district**

- Sec. 3. The elected levee committee of a levee district or board of directors of a levee association must do the following to become a district under this article:
  - (1) Adopt a resolution to accept this article.
  - (2) File a petition in court.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.26.

### IC 14-33-19-4

## **Filing petition**

- Sec. 4. A petition filed under section 3 of this chapter must be filed as follows:
  - (1) For a levee district, in the court establishing the levee district.
  - (2) For an incorporated levee association formed under Acts 1913, c.165, in the circuit court of the county in which the

principal offices of the incorporated levee association are located. *As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.26.* 

### IC 14-33-19-5

### **Contents of petition**

- Sec. 5. A petition filed under section 3 of this chapter must state the following:
  - (1) Acceptance of this article.
  - (2) The division of the district into areas, with the areas corresponding to the number of levee committee members or directors
  - (3) The number of and names of the elected levee committee members or directors.
  - (4) The expiration dates of the terms of the committee members or directors.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.26.

### IC 14-33-19-6

## Court's duties upon receipt of petition; notice

- Sec. 6. (a) Upon receipt of a petition, the court shall do the following:
  - (1) Set a date for a hearing.
  - (2) Have a copy of the petition and notice of the time and place of the hearing given at least twenty (20) days before the hearing date as follows:
    - (A) By publication at least one (1) time in one (1) newspaper of general circulation in each county in which lies land affected by the levee district, levee association, or pending proceedings.
    - (B) By United States mail to each freeholder affected, postage prepaid, using the residence address shown on the record of transfer of the auditor of the counties involved.
- (b) Proof of publication of the notice, verified by the publisher of each newspaper involved, shall be filed with the court on or before the date of hearing.
- (c) The person mailing the notice to freeholders shall file an affidavit on or before the date of hearing showing the following:
  - (1) The names of the persons to whom notice was sent.
  - (2) The address to which the notice was sent.
  - (3) The date on which the notice was mailed.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.26.

### IC 14-33-19-7

### Court's duties at hearing

Sec. 7. At the hearing the court shall do the following:

- (1) Determine the areas into which the district will be divided.
- (2) Determine the date of the annual meeting of the district.
- (3) Extend the terms of the levee committee members or board of directors to the annual meeting date set by the court.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.26.

# IC 14-33-19-8

# Annual revenue for maintenance and operation

- Sec. 8. Notwithstanding other provisions of this article, a levee district or levee association that constructed a levee before March 10, 1967, shall raise the annual revenue for maintenance and operation by either of the following:
  - (1) A combination of the following:
    - (A) A special benefits tax.
    - (B) A percentage assessment of the original assessments made and confirmed by the court in the original proceedings establishing and constructing the levee.
- (2) A percentage assessment of the original assessments. *As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.26.*